

## FORE CONGRE

**AMERICAN SHIPS  
ALREADY PLACED  
SERVICE OF ALL**

War Now a Race Between  
Shipbuilders and U. S. Navy  
Declares Lord Percy

WASHINGTON, May 1.—The United States has already placed a considerable amount of ship tonnage at the disposal of the Entente

Lord Eustace Percy, ship with the British Mission, said that the Government had a certain vessels to be used according to the Allies' needs, but refused to indicate what they were or where they were seized German ships.

Lord Percy declared that the present rate of British construction ships and the present American rate could not keep

"The balancing figure in the struggle," said Lord Percy, "tonnage the United States supply."

The Hamburg-American line and Clara Menning, at New York among those turned over to the One ship will go to France

Lord Percy's announcement the first intimation that the planning conferences had actually resulted in an agreement. It was to be a forerunner of a very wide range of co-operation in which the tonnage and the future builders of this country will be working with the Allies to defeat the submarine menace.

Lord Percy stated that the mission had supplied the A Government with every detail shipping problem, including allied tonnage, the total demand by U boats, the irreducibility of the Allies, the present rate of construction abroad and the standing building plans.

"The shipping issue," said Percy, "dominates everything and is very grave indeed. It has enveloped itself into a

"The balancing factor in the struggle is the tonnage the States can supply. Only in this large can the present military and food supply be maintained. This is the most vital problem which cannot be exaggerated.

The resolution empowers President "to take over the possession and title" of any

mercant vessels now within  
radiation of the United States  
government has been unanimously  
passed by the Senate.

The House Merchant Marine  
committee this afternoon reported  
favorably the bill permitting the  
government to seize all vessels belong-  
ing to enemy nations which now  
operate in the waters of the United States.

## 23 NORWEGIAN SHIPS

**TORPEDOED IN A**

Aggregate of 36,000 Tonnage  
a Record for That Neutral  
Nation.

LONDON, May 1.—A dispatch to the Daily Mail from a twenty-three Norwegian ship

The correspondent says the experiment is about to be made on two motor ships, the hulls of which are constructed of ferro-concrete, to test the fitness of such vessels for the North Sea trade. The boats will be of 1,000 tons and 600 tons respectively. Ferro-concrete light

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